

REMARKS

In the above identified Office Action, the claims were all rejected solely under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In response, applicant has made minor changes to the claims, without raising any new issues, in order to overcome the above-mentioned rejections.

Specifically, although the claims as presented in the last Office Action were believed to define the invention with a practical application, that application has now been specified as the transformation of image data. Accordingly, while the specification makes it clear that the claimed Hadamard transform is applied to image data, that requirement is now expressly included in each of the claims.

Next, the previously presented claims were rejected on the grounds that some of the necessary requirements were included in the preamble. In the response, the claims have been amended to overcome this alleged deficiency.

A third basis for rejecting the claims stated that they failed to disclose a practical application, but this rejection has now been overcome wherein the claims have been amended to relate to a transformation of image data.

Finally Claims 10 & 12, which were rejected as relating to a "program per se," have been cancelled.

Because no new issues have been raised to this amendment, and because all of the bases for rejecting the claims have been removed, applicant solicits the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Also, please acknowledge the previous submission of the certified copy of the priority document.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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